

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CRYSTAL RIFE,

: CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:22-CV-243

Plaintiff,

: (JUDGE MARIANI)

: (Magistrate Judge Carlson)

v.

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KIKOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting

Commissioner of Social Security,<sup>1</sup>

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Defendant.

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ORDER

AND NOW, THIS Kij DAY OF JUNE 2023, upon *de novo* review of

Magistrate Judge Martin C. Carlson's Report and Recommendation ("R&R") (Doc. 18),

Plaintiff's objections thereto (Doc. 19), Defendant's response (Doc. 20), and other relevant

documents, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The R&R (Doc. 18) is **ADOPTED** for the reasons set forth therein.
2. Plaintiff's objections (Doc. 19) are **OVERRULED**.
3. Plaintiff's appeal of the Acting Commissioner's decision (Doc. 1) is **DENIED**.
4. The Clerk of Court is directed to **ENTER JUDGMENT** in favor of the Acting Commissioner of Social Security and against Plaintiff Crystal Rife.

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<sup>1</sup> Kilolo Kijakazi became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security on July 9, 2021. She is automatically substituted for Andrew Saul pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d) (providing that when a public officer sued in his or her official capacity ceases to hold office while the action is pending, "the officer's successor is automatically substituted as a party."); see also 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) ("Any action instituted in accordance with this subsection shall survive notwithstanding any change in the person occupying the office of Commissioner of Social Security or any vacancy in such office.").

5. The Clerk of Court is directed to **CLOSE THIS CASE.**



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Robert D. Mariani  
United States District Judge